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Title:

INTERCHANGEABLE MULCHING/DISCHARGE MOWING DECK

Art Unit:

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Examiner:

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

| AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity) Applicant(s): Randy E. Benway et al. | | | | | | Docket No. 114154-050 | | |
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| Application No. 10/700,194 | Filing Date November 3, 2003 | Examiner Arpad F. Kovacs | | Customer N 24573 | io. | Group Art Unit | Confirmation No. | |
| Invention Interchangeable mulching/discharge mowing deck | | | | | | | | |
| COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. | | | | | | | | |
| The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. | | | | | | | | |
| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | | | |
| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR | | ER EXTRA PRESENT | RATE | | ADDITIONAL FEE | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 32 - | 39 = | | 0 | X | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 5 - | 7 = | | 0 | x | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) \$0.00 | | | | | | | \$0.00 \$0.00 | |
| No additional fee is required for amendment. □ Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of □ A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed. ☑ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 02-1818 ☑ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. ☑ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. □ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. Pated: February 1, 2005 Renato L. Smith | | | | | | | | |
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